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VARIATION BETWEEN ISD RATES AND INTERNET TELEPHONE RATES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a steep variation between ISD rates and internet telephony rates at present; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will endeavour to strike a correlation between ISD rates and internet telephony rates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There may not be any need for correlation as International Long Distance Service and Internet Telephony Service have been classified as different services and both are open for full competition.